

EMERGENCY COMMISSION MEETING

Minutes

Friday, September 27, 2002

The meeting was held in the Governor's Conference Room. Present in the conference room were Governor John Hoeven and Secretary of State Al Jaeger. Members participating via telephone conference call were Senator Dave Nething, Representative Wes Belter, and Representative Mike Timm. Governor Hoeven called the meeting to order at 10:38 a.m.

NOTE: All requests that are approved and identified with an asterisk are forwarded to the Legislative Budget Section Committee to be reviewed and considered at its meeting scheduled for October 8, 2002, as required by the provisions of N.D.C.C. § 54-16-04.1 and N.D.C.C. § 54-16-04.2.

1. **Department of Corrections & Rehabilitation * (Request # 1410)**

Request approval for increased spending authority of \$125,000 to accept federal funds from the United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice, Victim of Crime Act (VOCA), for crime victim services line (\$125,000) to pass through to local agencies that assist crime victims.

Senator Nething moved for approval. Rep. Belter seconded the motion. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

2. **Department of Agriculture (Request # 1411)**

Withdrawn prior to the meeting.

3. **Mill & Elevator Association * (Request # 1412)**

Request approval for increased special fund spending authority of \$3,500,000 for salary line (\$300,000) and for operating line (\$3,200,000) for insurance premium (\$1,100,000); overtime (\$300,000); repairs and utilities (\$1,150,000); demurrage (\$150,000); lab supplies and fumigations (\$300,000); and interest expense (\$500,000) because of higher than anticipated expenses resulting from aftermath of September 11 events and the Mill's record production and shipment volumes.

Secretary Jaeger moved for approval. Rep. Belter seconded the motion. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

4. **Department of Financial Institutions (Request # 1413)**

Request approval for line item transfer of \$46,606 from salary line to operating line (\$24,781) and equipment line (\$21,825) for IT contractual services, IT equipment; copier lease, printing, building improvements; along with a request for approval, under the provisions of N.D.C.C. § 54-27-10, to allow expenditures prior to the end of eighteen months of the biennium that are in excess of seventy-five percent of the authorized appropriation.

Senator Nething moved for approval. Secretary Jaeger seconded the motion. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

5. **Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (Request # 1414)**

Request approval for increased spending authority of \$12,240 to accept pass-through federal funds from the Office of the Attorney General, Bureau of Criminal Investigation, Byrne Grant, for operating line (\$12,240) to provide supervisory training to state, county, and local law enforcement personnel related to the management of correctional facilities.

Senator Nething moved for approval. Secretary Jaeger seconded the motion. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

6. **Department of Human Services * (Request # 1415)**

Request approval for increased spending authority of \$18,839,639 to accept federal funds (\$18,172,779) from the United States Department of Health and Human Services (\$10,598,175) and the United States Department of Agriculture (\$7,574,604) and other funds from the agency's Child Support Collections (\$666,860) for Grants – Assistance Payments line (\$18,839,639) to be used for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) (\$3,130,404); for Child Care Assistance (\$1,053,433); for Low Income Home Energy Assistance (LIHEAP) (\$7,081,198); and for Food Stamp – Electronic Benefit Transfer (\$7,574,604); resulting from increased caseload and because of changes to federal regulations that will provide funding for additional benefits being available to recipients.

Senator Nething moved for approval. Secretary Jaeger seconded the motion. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

7. **Public Service Commission * (Request # 1416)**

Request approval for increased spending authority of \$69,000 to accept other funds from the Public Service Commission's Valuation Fund for operating line (\$69,000) to pay expenses related to the analysis, research, and hearing for a telecommunication utility's request for proposed fee schedule for interconnection, unbundled network elements, and resale.

Rep. Timm moved for approval. Rep. Belter seconded the motion. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

8. **Office of Adjutant General * (Request # 1417)**

Request approval for increased spending authority of \$5,000,000 to accept federal funds from the National Guard Bureau for Army Guard Contracts line (\$5,000,000) for maintenance and repair projects at federally supported assets located at the Camp Grafton Training Facility, Devils Lake and the Raymond Bohn Armory Complex, Bismarck.

Senator Nething moved for approval. Rep. Belter seconded the motion. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

9. **Office of Adjutant General (Request # 1418)**

Request for \$25,000 from the Emergency Commission's contingency fund and approval for increased spending authority to accept these funds for National Guard Emergency Fund (\$25,000) for expenses related to fire-fighting missions conducted in counties located in southwest North Dakota during the period of June through August 2002.

Secretary Jaeger moved for approval. Rep. Belter seconded the motion. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

10. **Department of Commerce * (Request # 1419)**

Request approval for increased spending authority of \$117,595 to accept federal funds from the United States Department of Health and Human Services (State Commission Administration and Professional Development Assistance Training) for salary line (\$45,720); operating line (\$63,875); equipment line (\$8,000); and one FTE position for the North Dakota State Commission on National and Community Service, created by Executive Order 2002-02.3 (revised July 19, 2002) and as authorized by the federal National and Community Services Act of 1990, to develop and communicate a statewide vision to encourage citizen engagement in service to youth and community.

Rep. Belter moved for approval. Secretary Jaeger seconded the motion. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

11. **Department of Parks and Recreation * (Request # 1420)**
Request approval for increased spending authority of \$150,000 to accept other funds for operating line (\$135,000) and extraordinary repairs line (\$15,000) for expenses related to park operations, moving, and geothermal lighting.
- Senator Nething moved for approval. Secretary Jaeger seconded the motion. All members voted aye. Motion carried.
12. **School for the Deaf (Request # 1421)**
Request approval for a line item transfer of \$15,000 from salaries line to capital improvements line (\$15,000) for repair of roof over kitchen/dining room wing of the Smith Building.
- Rep. Timm moved for approval. Rep. Belter seconded the motion. All members voted aye. Motion carried.
13. **Division of Emergency Management * (Request # 1422)**
Request approval for increased spending authority of \$265,000 to accept federal funds from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for grants line (\$265,000) for Pre-Disaster Mitigation program to conduct local and regional mitigation planning activities to meet the requirements of the Disaster Management Act of 2000 (appropriations act of 2002).
- Senator Nething moved for approval. Rep. Belter seconded the motion. All members voted aye. Motion carried.
14. **Division of Emergency Management * (Request # 1423)**
Request approval for increased spending authority of \$1,955,000 to accept federal funds from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) (\$1,725,000) and to accept other funds (\$230,000), from the proceeds of loan from the Bank of North Dakota (borrowed in accordance with the provisions of N.D.C.C. § 37-17.1-23) for salaries line (\$65,400); operating line (\$21,110); and for grants line (\$1,868,490) for expenses related to the spring 2002 flooding disaster declaration.
- Senator Nething moved for approval. Rep. Timm seconded the motion. All members voted aye. Motion carried.
15. **Office of the Attorney General (Request # 1424)**
Request for \$43,000 from the Emergency Commission's contingency fund and approval for increased spending authority to accept these funds for operating line (\$40,000) for reimbursement to cities and counties for prosecution witness fees.
- Senator Nething moved for approval of the request with the amount requested reduced to \$10,000. Rep. Belter seconded the motion. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State
Secretary to Emergency Commission